

ARENA ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 10, 2011
Council Chambers 8:00 AM

Present: Chairman Nick Wallner, David Palisi, Mike Gfroerer, Dan Arndt, Councilor Mark Coen, Arena & Properties Manager Jeff Bardwell, Public Properties Superintendent Harry Dangora
Absent: Councilor Dick Patten; Tom Ackerson, Gerry Blanchette

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM

Rink Bedding Replacement Project

Jeff Bardwell updated the committee on the status of the floor replacement project. H.L Turner was hired as engineering consultants on the project and helped put together the bid package, review bids and act as project manager during construction. The city received three bids on the project: DL King (\$364,130) out of Nashua NH; North Branch Construction (\$468,000) from Concord, NH and American Refrigeration (\$519,000) from Woburn, MA. Bid specifications required three specialty contractors, a refrigeration company for the rink piping; a concrete company for pouring of the slab and rink dasher board company for placement of the anchors; all with rink installation experience. All bids were reviewed and met the qualifications specified. Reference checks were reviewed on the low bidder and came back positive. Bid was awarded to DL King of Nashua, NH.

There were three add alternates to the project: 1. Install under slab heating for year round ice operation. 2. Shifting the ice surface over toward the south side by one to two feet. 3. Installation of steel plate instead of 1" PT plywood. Bardwell explained that with the current and future demand for spring ice and with the number of arenas within a twenty mile radius that already offer spring ice and the amount of revenue currently brought in by off ice shows add alternate #1 was not selected.

Jeff Bardwell, Harry Dangora and representatives from DL King met with the Mike Santa from City of Concord Code Administration and Ken Kiehl from the City of Concord Fire Department for determination on add alternate #2. The fire department and code administration determined that the floor could not be shifted over at all due to egress requirements in front of the bleachers. Dave Palisi asked if the hallway behind the benches met the current egress requirements. Lengthy discussion took place on existing conditions versus new construction. Mike Gfroerer asked if there was any appeal process but due to the timeliness of the project moving forward it was determined to be a moot point. Gfroerer added that code administration and CFD were going by the code and had no reason for reducing the egress width in front of the bleachers.

Mark Coen inquired about testing on the project and how is the city sure it is getting what is specified. Bardwell explained that testing and product submittals are set up as part of the contract. H.L. Turner has been hired as project manager and is reviewing testing and submittals and is present at weekly job meetings, Bardwell is also on site most everyday.

City Beverage Contract

Jeff Bardwell updated the committee on city wide beverage contract that was out to bid. Bardwell put in the bid requirements monies for a new scoreboard at the arena. Two companies came back with proposals that are being reviewed at this time. Bardwell indicated that the arena has an opportunity to upgrade from a wall mount scoreboard to a center hung scoreboard. Discussion took place on how to pay for the scoreboard, Dave Palisi inquired if we can tie in the arena advertising. Bardwell explained the advertising agreement with Millennium will expire in September and has had discussions with Chris Brown from the Black Ice committee who is interested taking over the selling of ads. Discussion took place on how ads were sold in past to present. Mike Gfroerer suggested that the Black Ice committee give the arena advisory committee a proposal on how they would sell the ads. Councilor Coen suggested that the entrance be redone using some of the money left over from the floor project. Discussion took place on what could be done to the existing

entrance; a history of hockey in Concord was discussed. Dan Arndt asked about a new entrance on the northwest side of the building where most people enter and exit. Discussion took place on a new main entrance located on the northwest side of the building and decided it would need to be a future project. Dan Arndt inquired if something could be done with the time of day clock because when the scoreboard is in use for a game the time of day clock is hard to read. Bardwell indicated that he put in a separate time of day clock as part of the beverage proposal.

Mark Coen suggested using 3W Design to help with the front entrance renovation; Dave Palisi indicated he would help by getting in touch with Cheryl Tufts.

Nick Wallner suggested meeting in one month to review proposal for entrance upgrades, advertising and the scoreboard with city beverage contract.

Nick Wallner made a motion to adjourn,

Meeting adjourned 9:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Bardwell
Arena & Properties Manager